MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: അവിടെ കാർഡ് സിസ്റ്റം ഏർപ്പെട്ടത്തിയിട്ടില്ല.

MR. K. VARUGHESE ITHAC: കാർഡ് സിസ്റ്റം അവിടെയും ഉടൻ ഏർപ്പെടുത്താൻ ഭയവുണ്ടാകുമോ ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: It will be considered.

Distribution of sugar in the city of Trivandrum.

407. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the agency or agencies that are in charge of distribution of sugar in the city of Trivandrum ;

(*b*) whether there were applications from other merchants, firms, or co-operative societies for the agency to distribute sugar in the city ; and

(*c*) if so, the names of the applicants ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: (*a*) The Trivandrum Co-operative Distributive Society, Ltd., No. 4, and its nine branches.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) (i) Palkulangara Karayogam Co-operative Society No. 1088.

(ii) The Trivandrum Merchants' Co-operative Society Ltd. No. 2197.

(iii) Co-operative Society No. 1576, Sasthamangalam.

(iv) The Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society No. 1412, Perurkada.

(v) Co-operative Society No. 318, Kunnukuzhi.

(vi) Co-operative Society Ltd., No. 1115, Vanchiyoor.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the member be pleased to inform this House the average number of bags issued to the Trivandrum City per mensem ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: About 600 bags.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know the rate of commission allowed on each bag in the matter of selling ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: One rupee per bag.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know why the monopoly of selling sugar is given to this one society alone in this city ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: The Registrar of Co-operative Societies was consulted in the matter. The present arrangement has been come to only in consultation with him.

PRESIDENT: The original idea of Government in the matter of selling certain commodities has now turned out to be fantastic and chimerical. The idea was to transfer the whole of rationing scheme in the matter of food and sugar and also textiles to co-operative agencies for execution. The Registrar of Co-operative

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Societies was consulted on the matter. We made certain plans which were not found to be successful for adoption, because the number of complaints Government received during the time when co-operative societies were functioning far exceeded that of any other time. So the Government had to give up that programme. So far as the sale of sugar was concerned the Co operative Registrar stated that he would be able to distribute it with the aid of his organisation. He agreed to deal with that problem in that manner. It is entirely for the House to express an opinion whether this scheme has succeeded or not. I suppose according to reactions of public opinion the question whether this and other Co-operative Societies should be encouraged or dropped as the basis of distribution even in regard to sugar will have to be considered.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know in answer to part (c) when about seven other co-operative societies had applied for selling sugar in the city of Trivandrum, why the monopoly was granted only to one co-operative distributive society?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: That was the recommendation of the Registrar.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know why the Co-operative Registrar made a discrimination in favour of this particular Society and discarded the other seven societies?

PRESIDENT: I shall get his reasons for that. If the honourable member wants that fact to be published, it shall be done. But I may tell the member that it may not be complimentary to the other Societies. I am perfectly willing to get an explanation from the Co-operative Registrar on this point.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: In this connection I may bring to the notice of Government that of these seven societies I know that one or two of them are of the first class type.

PRESIDENT: All right.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I ask the member whether as a matter of fact there have been complaints against this co-operative society in the matter of distribution of sugar?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: Yes, Sir.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Then may I know whether they have been enquired into?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: Yes, Sir.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the Government will be pleased to indicate the quantity of sugar that is available for distribution week after week and the proportionate quantity that a ration card-holder can get?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: There is no difficulty for that.

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MR. P. C. ADICHAN: കുന്നത്തൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ പഞ്ചസാര വളരെ കുറവായിട്ടാണ് കിട്ടുന്നതെന്നു അറിയാമോ ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

MR. P C. ADICHAN: തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ എത്രയൂണിറ്റിനാണ് ഒരു റാത്തൽ പഞ്ചസാരകൊടുക്കാൻ തീരുമാനിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: അങ്ങനെ യൂണിറ്റിന് ഇത്ര പഞ്ചസാരയെന്ന് എല്ലാ സ്ഥലത്തേയ്ക്കും നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the honourable member will agree with me when I say that instead of having distribution from one part of the town, if it is given to various societies it will be of advantage to the people ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: The Co-operative Registrar will be further consulted in the matter.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the honourable member will concede that by so doing distribution can be made even ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: That depends on circumstances.

RAO SAHIB A. K. BHASKAR: Are the Government aware that there is serious discontent in the matter relating to distribution of sugar from one agency alone ? It is stated that the distribution is rather partial according to the method that is being adopted.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: I do not understand what the member means by the expression 'partial'.

RAO SAHIB A. K. BHASKAR: Some persons get sugar and some do not ; some persons get larger quantities and some others do not get at all.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: No such complaint has arisen.

RAO SAHIB A. K. BHASKAR: There is a widespread complaint that every person in the city is not getting his quota equitably and secondly it has been definitely stated that for every one pound of sugar there is one ounce less in the measure.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: I have not received any such complaint, Sir.

Sugar allotted for Vaikom taluk.

408. *MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of sugar allotted for the Vaikom taluk, the quantity issued for ration and the quantity reserved in the months of Makarom, Kumbhom, Meenom, Medom and Edavom 1121 ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: A * statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

*Vide Appendix I.

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